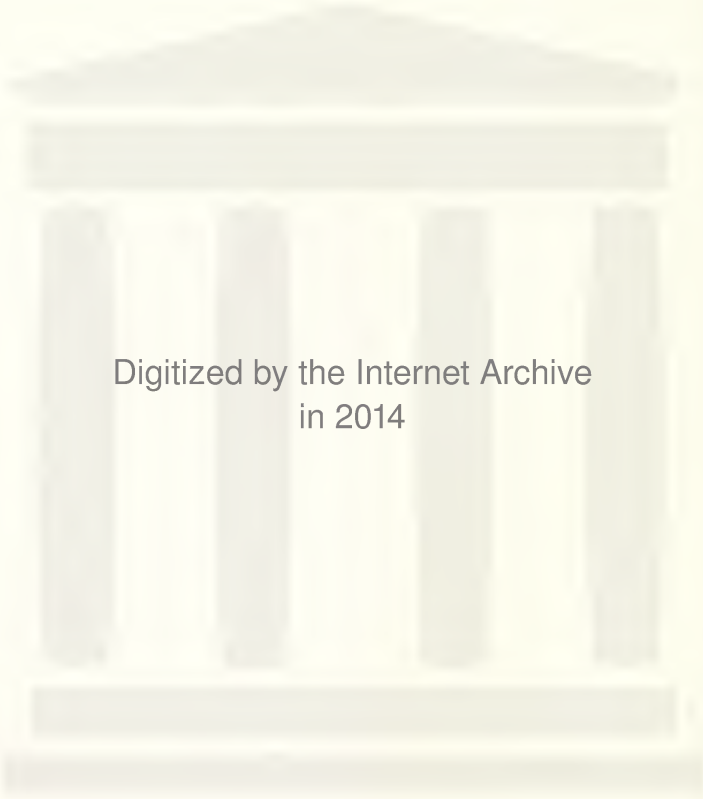

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MINUTES

of the
One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Session
of the
SENTER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with
SENTER CHURCH
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, and 10, 2000

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SEPTEMBER 7, 8, and 9, 2001

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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Kenny McNeil from Senter Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Indian Creek Church.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Floyd South.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia
Elder Curtis Hash
Brother Jimmy Haynes
Elder Jess B. Higgins
Elder Bruce Higgins
Brother and Sister Roy Truitt

Sandlick Association
Elder Hoey Lester

St. Clair Bottom Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Brother Don Blevins
Brother Randy Carter
Elder Eddie Lyle
Sisters Ethel and Beulah Lyle
Brother Vernon Lyle
Brother Blaine Owens

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Afton Road Church, Danville, Va.
Elder Dan Parker

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Elder Paul Williams

Mont View Primitive Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
Elder Wayne Gibbons

Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church, Bel Air, MD
Brother James Dixon and Sister Barbara Dixon

Mulberry Primitive Baptist Church, NC
Elder Samuel Lee Parrish

New Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, VA
Elder Carbin Vass

Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church, VA
Elder Joe McGrady and Wife
Brother Gary J. McGrady

Pleasent Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Statesville, NC
Brother Ray Barnette and Sister Ruth Barnette

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church,
Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Paul Bare
Brother Larry Davis
Brother Willard Hartzog
Elder Kenny McNeil

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Clyde Johnson
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Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and
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C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
Brother Donnie Cox
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Ray Roten
Elder Floyd South

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.
7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.
8. Closed with prayer by Elder Danny Parker.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2000

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Wayne Gibbons.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 2001 at Senter Church.
4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Senter Church.
5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
9. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 2000

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$60.00
Big Helton	-0-
North Fork	88.00
Riverview	160.00
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Senter	221.00
Total	$599.00
Received from donations Friday and Saturday	$282.00
Balance in Savings	543.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator $20.00
To the Assistant Moderator 20.00
To the Clerk 60.00
To the Assistant Clerk 20.00
Paid to Visiting Elders 481.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes 403.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Elder Joe McGrady.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Wayne Gibbons
PO Box 15, Wallburg, NC 27373
Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA 24348
Elder Bruce Higgins
2655 Cranberry Road, Woodlawn, VA 24381
Elder Jess Higgins
684 Blackberry Lane, Galax, VA 24333
Elder Hoey Lester
104 Stafford Street, Bristol, TN 37620
Elder Eddie Lyle
1521 Elliot Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Joe McGrady
5975 Popular Camp Road, Hillsville, VA 24343
Elder Dan Parker
3849 R&L Smith Drive, Danville, VA 24540

Elder Samuel Parrish
86 Sycamore Lane, Laurel Springs, NC 28644
Elder Carbin Vass
353 Edgewood Drive, Hillsville, VA 24343
Elder Paul E. Williams
230 Burnette Street, Richlands, VA 24641

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder Bobby Absher (introduced with prayer)
Elder Paul Williams (introductory sermon)
Elder Floyd South (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:
Elder Wayne Gibbons (introduced with prayer)
Elder Bruce Higgins
Elder Jess Higgins
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Elder Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

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ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Bobby Absher	183 Old Ridge Road Crumpler, NC 28617 Telephone: (336) 982-2163
Elder Steve Douglas	5700 Garvey Bridge Road Crumpler, NC 28617 Telephone: (336) 982-2958
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10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. The pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

15. Delegates of the host church to select the elder to preach the introductory sermon.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded and dead since last Association.

3. The Association will continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they have any internal right over any church in the union.

5. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

9. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

12. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

13. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

14. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

15. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

16. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

17. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

18. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

19. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that All who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beaver Creek — Second Sunday morning, 11:00 AM, and fourth Sunday, 2:00 PM A brick building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 south about one mile to Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

Big Helton — Second and third Sundays, 11:00 A.M. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgills, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC to Sturgills, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the highway.

North Fork — Each Sunday, 10:30 A.M. Take Hwy. 88 West from Warrensville. Approximately 1 1/2 miles turn right on Staggs Creek Road. Continue on Staggs Creek Road approximately 1 mile. Church is at the intersection of Staggs Creek Road and Glenn Miller Road.

Riverview — From the intersection of 221 and 163 near West Jefferson go south on 221 approximately .3 mile. Turn left on Nettle Knob Road, go three miles to the Lower Nettle Knob Road. Go 3.5 miles to the Phillips Gap Road, turn right about 1 mile. the brick church is on the left of the road.

Roans Creek — First and fourth Sundays, 10:30 A.M. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Senter — First Sunday night, 6:30 PM; Saturday night preceding the Second Sunday, 6:30 PM; Second Sunday, 2:00 PM; Fourth Sunday night, 6:30 PM. (During Daylight Savings Time all night services begin at 7:00 PM) Senter Church is a brick building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC off of Hwy. 221 on Nathan's Creek School Road. It is approximately eight miles from Jefferson.

STATISTICAL TABLE 2000

Church Organized	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sundays of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.		Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
1785	Beaver Creek	Brother Tony Jordan, Bro. Don Walters, Bro. Larry Davis, Alternate, none	May	2 4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	8	$60.00
1840	Big Helton	No Letter													-0-
1785	North Fork	Elder Kenny McNeil, Brother Arvil Scott, Brother Dewey St. Clair, Alt. Bro. Lee St. Clair	July	All	1	0	0	3	0		0	0	0	32	88.00
1898	Riverview	Bro. Donny Cox. Bro. Willard Hartzog, Bro. Paul Miller, Alt. Bro. Clyde Johnson	June	1 3	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	20	160.00
1898	Roans Creek	Bro. Richard Bare, Bro. Millard Bare, Bro. George Severt, Alt. Elder Floyd South	July	1 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	28	70.00
1829	Senter	Bro. Jim Richardson, Bro. Paul Bare, Bro. Ray Roten, Alt. Bro. Junior Davis	June	1 2 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	46	241.00
		TOTAL.....													599.00

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The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Howard Davis from Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church.

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ON MOTION:

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2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

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Elder Eddie Lyle

Re-Organized Silver Creek Association
Elder John R. Jackson

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6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Calvin Yates.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2001

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South.

ON MOTION:

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10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Elder Dan Parker.

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Elder Dan Parker
Brother Tony Miller (closed with prayer)

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Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

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ANNUAL MEETING

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ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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OBITUARIES

1. Flora Roark

2. Fannie Sanders McMillan

3. Ina Jean Fender Walters

Flora Roark

Flora Roark was born on June 22, 1910 and died May 17, 2001.

Sister Roark joined Senter Primitive Baptist Church in April, 1950. She remained a member there until her death. Sister Roark attended church as long as health permitted.

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Sister McMillan was born December 19, 1911 and died June 3, 2001.

Sister McMillan was born and raised in Ashe County. She married Loyd McMillan who preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters, Glenna Sheets and Gaynell Hendrix. In later years Sister McMillan moved to Wilkes County to be with her daughters.

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The funeral of Sister McMillan was held at Boone Family Funeral Home on June 6, 2001. Services were conducted by Elder Floyd South and Rev. Tim Shaw. Interment was in Senter Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection.

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Ina Jean Fender Walters was born October 31, 1911, to the union of John and Laura Dixon Fender. She united in marriage to Jim Walters. To this union were born five children. Sister Ina was preceded in death by her husband and one daughter. She is survived by one son, John E. Walters; three daughters, Jean Weaver, Betty Carlton, and Glenna McNeill; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was a devoted wife, mother, neighbor and church member.

Sister Ina united with the Senter Primitive Baptist Church on June 12, 1949, where she remained faithful until her death on Monday, October 9, 2000. Sister Ina was faithful to her home church and visited sister churches when she had the opportunity. Sister Ina took care of her part of the communion just as long as she was able. A visitor in the church was always welcome in her home.

Sister Ina was loved by all who knew her. She is missed by all. But surely our loss is her eternal gain.

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1898	Riverview	Brothers Donny Cox, Clyde Johnson, Paul Miller, Alt. Willard Hartzog	June	1 3	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	20	170.00
1869	Roans Creek	Brothers Richard Bare, George Severt, Millard Bare, Alt. Elder Floyd South	July	1 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	28	55.00
1829	Senter	Brothers Tony Miller, Jim Richardson, Paul Bare, Alt. Roy Roten	June	2 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	3	43	335.00
		TOTAL.....													750.00

MINUTES

of the
One Hundred Forty-Ninth Annual Session
of the
SENTER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with
SENTER CHURCH
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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Curtis Hash from the Mountain Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Joe McGrady from Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Floyd South.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia
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Elder Curtis Hash and Sister Wanda Hash
Brother Jimmy Haynes
Brother Jack Nichols and Sister Louise Nichols
Brother Roy Truitt and Sister Shirley Truitt
Brother Carl Williams
Brother Cecil Wyatt and Sister Dorothy Wyatt

St. Clair Bottom Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Brother Buster Debusk
Elder Eddie Lyle and Sister Virgie Lyle
Sister Ethel Lyle and Sister Beulah Lyle

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Darien Church, Valley Alabama
Elder Albert Wilson

Cedar Grove Church, Mayodan, NC
Elder Johnnie L. Duggins

Chilhowie Church, Glade Springs, VA
Brother Dick Adams and Sister Jessie T. Adams
Elder J.D. Cleek

Mulberry Primitive Baptist Church, NC
Elder Samuel Lee Parrish

Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Hillsville, VA
Elder Joseph H. McGrady

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Paul Bare
Brother Junior Davis
Brother Willard Hartzog
Brother Jimmy Hull

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Richard Bare
Brother Donnie Cox

Brother Clyde Johnson
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Ray Roten
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
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Brother Paul Miller
Brother Ray Roten
Elder Floyd South
Brother Don Walters

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Howard Davis.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2002

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Joe McGrady.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 2003 at Senter Church.

4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Senter Church.

5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

9. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 2002

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$60.00
North Fork	0.00
Riverview	135.00
Roans Creek	60.00
Senter	321.00
Total	$576.00

Received from donations Friday and Saturday	$287.00
Balance in Savings	$543.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	$0.00
To the Assistant Moderator	0.00
To the Clerk	0.00
To the Assistant Clerk	0.00
Paid to Visiting Elders	525.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	403.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Brother Don Walters.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
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VISITING ELDERS

Edler J.D. Cleek
2385 Chimney Top—Fall Branch, TN 37656
Elder Howard M. Davis
35330 Marble Stone Drive, Glade Spring, VA 24340
Elder Johnnie L. Duggins
270 Dan-Valley Rd., Mayodan, NC 27027
Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA 24348
Elder Eddie Lyle
1521 Elliot Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Samuel Parrish
86 Sycamore Lane, Laurel Springs, NC 28644
Elder Joseph H. McGrady
5975 Popular Camp Rd., Hillsville, VA 24343
Elder Albert Wilson
4169 County Road 388, Valley, Alabama 36854

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder Curtis Hash (introduced with prayer)
Elder Joe McGrady (introductory sermon)
Elder Howard Davis (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:
Brother Bobby Absher (introduced with prayer)
Elder Curtis Hash (afternoon sermon)
Elder Floyd South (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:

Elder Eddie Lyle (introduced with prayer)
Elder Howard Davis
Elder Albert Wilson
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Sunday Morning:

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Elder Floyd South
Elder James McNeill
Elder C.O. Yates (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night—April 13–18, 2003.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Bobby Absher	183 Old Ridge Road Crumpler, NC 28617 Telephone: (336) 982-2163
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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Senter	Elders James McNeill and Bobby Absher

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES; CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beaver Creek: Don Walters 20
775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
North Fork: John McNeil 20
377 Green Acres Drive, Lansing, NC 28643
Riverview: Dan Miller 30
6211 Hwy. 88 W., Warrensville, NC 28693
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183 Old Ridge Road, Crumpler, NC 28617

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

The American Baptist Historical Society 2
1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620
Bear Creek: Ken Austin 20
3930 Old Camden Rd., Monroe, NC 28110
The Christian Baptist Library.....2
PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220
Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz.....20
Madison, VA 22727
Mountain: Roy Truitt.....20
102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24336
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Association 20
338 Harry Height's Road, Bluefield, WV 24701
New Liberty Primitive Baptist Association:
Ronald Sargent.....20
2302 Jefferson Ave., Point Pleasant, WV 25550
304-675-1482

North Carolina Collection: The Library 2
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
The Primitive Baptist Library: Elon College 2
4023 North, NC 87 Elon College, NC 27244
Silver Creek: Elder Gene Watson.....21
145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645
St. Clair's Bottom Association: Blaine Owens.....21
103 Jefferson Drive, Bristol, VA 24201
Wake Forest University: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library.....2
Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

COMMUNION MEETINGS

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The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Richlands Virginia.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

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Reorganized Silver Creek Association of North Carolina
Elder John R. Jackson
Elder Gene Watson and Sister Pansy Watson

Fishers River Association of North Carolina
Elder Joey Jenkins

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons

Indian Creek Church, Willis, Virginia
Elder Paul E. Williams

Mt. Lebanon Church, Woodland, Virginia
Elder Edward Bowman

Community Church, Stuart, Virginia
Elder Donnie Conner

Afton Road Church, Danville, Virginia
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Brother Jim Richardson
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
Brother Clyde Johnson
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Paul Bare
Elder Floyd South
Brother Don Walters

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder James McNeill.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 2004 at Senter Church.

4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Senter Church.

5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

9. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 2003

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$80.00
North Fork	180.00
Riverview	172.00
Roans Creek	50.00
Senter	490.00
Total	$972.00

Received from donations Friday through Sunday	$407.00
Balance in Savings	$543.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	$20.00
To the Assistant Moderator	20.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	20.00
Paid to Visiting Elders	850.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	409.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Brother Bobby Absher.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Edward Bowman
5771 Joy Branch Road, Woodland, VA 24381
Elder Donnie Conners
100 Allis Circle, Fieldale, VA 24089
Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA 24348
Elder John Jackson
103 Tom Jackson, Boone, NC 28607
Elder Joey Jenkins
626 West Mt. Hermon Church Rd., Elkin, NC 28621
Elder Dan Parker
3849 R & L Smith Drive, Danville, VA 24540
Elder Gene Watson
530 Legion Rd., Lenoir, NC 28645
Elder Paul Williams
230 Burnette Street, Richlands, VA 24641

ORDER OF PREACHING

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Elder Edward Bowman (afternoon sermon--second)
Elder Dan Parker (closed with prayer)

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Lic. Larry Davis (introduced with prayer)
Elder Dan Parker (sermon)
Elder Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:

Elder James McNeill (introduced with prayer)
Elder Dan Parker (sermon)
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Bro. Dwight Kerr (closed with prayer)

Saturday Afternoon:

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Elder Donnie Conners (sermon)
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Saturday Night:

Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)
Elder Eddie Lyle (sermon)
Elder Curtis Hash (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:

Elder C.O. Yates (introduced with prayer)
Elder Bobby Absher (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (sermon)
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ANNUAL MEETING

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Elder Eddie Lyle	1521 Elliot Road West Jefferson, NC 28694
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Beaver Creek	Elders James McNeill and Bobby Absher
North Fork	Vacant
Riverview	Elders C.O. Yates and James McNeill
Roans Creek	Elders Floyd South and Eddie Lyle
Senter	Elders James McNeill and Bobby Absher

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13. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

14. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

15. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

16. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

17. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

18. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

19. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that All who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beaver Creek — Second Sunday morning, 11:00 AM, and fourth Sunday, 2:00 PM A brick building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 south about one mile to Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

North Fork — First and Third Sundays at 2:30 P.M. Take Hwy. 88 West from Warrensville. Approximately 1 1/2 miles turn right on Staggs Creek Road. Continue on Staggs Creek Road approximately 1 mile. Church is at the intersection of Staggs Creek Road and Glenn Miller Road.

Riverview — From the intersection of 221 and 163 near West Jefferson go south on 221 approximately .3 mile. Turn left on Nettle Knob Road, go three miles to the Lower Nettle Knob Road. Go 3.5 miles to the Phillips Gap Road, turn right about 1 mile. the brick church is on the left of the road.

Roans Creek — First and fourth Sundays, 10:30 A.M. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Senter — First and Fourth Sunday nights, 6:30 PM; Saturday night preceding the Second Sunday, 6:30 PM; (During Daylight Savings Time all services begin at 7:00 PM). Senter Church is a brick building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC off of Hwy. 221 on Nathan's Creek School Road. It is approximately eight miles from Jefferson.

OBITUARIES

None

STATISTICAL TABLE

2003

Church Organized	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sundays of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.		Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
1785	Beaver Creek	Bro. Larry Davis, Bro. Tony Jordan, Bro. Don Walters	May	2 4	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	7	$60.00
1785	North Fork	Bro. Arvil Scott, Bro. Edward Roten, Sister Sharon Kellam, Bro. Doughton Roten, Alt.	July	1 3	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	32	$180.00
1898	Riverview	Bro. Paul Miller, Bro. Clyde Johnson, Bro. Donnie Cox, Bro. Willard Hartsog, Alt.	June	1 3	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	20	172.00
1869	Roans Creek	Elder Floyd South, Bro. Richard Bare, Sister Jackie Bare, Alt.	July	1 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	21	50.00
1829	Senter	Elder Bob Absher, Bro. Tony Miller, Bro. Jim Richardson, Bro. Ray Roten, Alt.	June	2	1	0	0	0	1		0	0	2	41	490.00
		TOTAL.....													972.00

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MINUTES

of the
One Hundred Fifty-Second Annual Session
of the
SENTER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with
SENTER CHURCH
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 9, 10, and 11, 2005

The next session will convene with Riverview Church on September 8, 9, 10, 2006. The directions to the church are as follows: From the intersection of 221 and 163 near West Jefferson go south on 221 approximately 0.3 miles. Turn left on Nettle Knob Road, go three miles to the Lower Nettle Knob Road. Travel 3.5 miles to the Phillips Gap Road, turn right and travel about one mile. The church is on the left.

OFFICERS

ELDER JAMES MCNEILL ..... ***.MODERATOR***
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ELDER FLOYD SOUTH ..... ***.ASSISTANT MODERATOR***
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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Curtis Hash from the Mountain District Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Richlands Virginia.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder John Jackson.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. Brother Wayne Severt from the Bear Creek Church came before the Association and presented a letter from the church expressing the desire of Bear Creek Church to be reinstated to the Association. Brother Severt expressed regret on behalf of the church that they had withdrawn from the Association some years ago and made apology to the Association. A motion was made and seconded that Bear Creek Church be received back into the Association. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia

Sister Patyrae Busic
Brother Bobby Davis
Brother John Edwards
Elder Curtis Hash
Brother Thomas and Sister Margaret Hayden
Brother John Hayden
Sister Marye Lineback
Brother Jack Nichols and Sister Louise Nichols
Brother Roy Truitt and Sister Shirley Truitt

Reorganized Silver Creek Association of North Carolina

Elder John R. Jackson

Bear Creek Association of North Carolina

Elder Wayne Gibbons
Brother Michael and Sister Susan Lester

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC

Brother Paul V. Lemons
Brother Marvin Winesett

Indian Creek Church, Willis, Virginia

Elder Paul E. Williams

Mt. Lebanon Church, Woodlawn, Virginia

Elder Edward Bowman

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Willard Hartzog
Brother Arvil Scott
Brother Don Walters
Brother Clyde Johnson

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Vernon Roten
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Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
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Elder Floyd South
Brother Jim Richardson

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Edward Bowman.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 2006 at Riverview Church.

4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Riverview Church.

5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

9. The finance committee reported as follows:

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Paid to Visiting Elders	525.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	400.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Brother Wayne Severt.

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Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
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OBITUARIES

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Riverview Church

Paul Woodrow Roten
North Fork Church

Gerry George Miller
North Fork Church

Kay Wood Miller
North Fork Church

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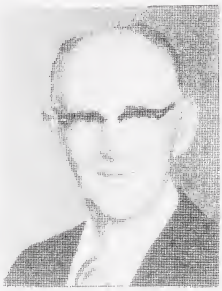
Senter Church

Ruby Vannoy Fisher
Senter Church

ELDER CALVIN OSCAR YATES



1906-2005

Calvin Yates was born to Squire Dixon and Cora Miller Yates on July 20, 1906, in Ashe County. In youth his godly grandfather, Reid Miller, was a strong influence and teacher in addition to his mother and the extended Miller Family. Skills learned in his youth remained and were added to throughout his life.

The family faithfully attended Riverview Primitive Baptist Church. He was educated at Pine Swamp School two years ahead of his childhood sweetheart, Orby Craft. The two were wed August 20, 1924, and became parents of five children. At age 18 when he married, he already had a sawmill and was in business for himself. His work ethic kept him going until age 97 when his health failed.

In his late 30's while sawing a boundary of timber in Iredell County, he attended Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized into that church. Later he was received by letter into Riverview Primitive Baptist Church after returning to Ashe County. He soon felt the call to be ordained. On April 18, 1964, Brother Yates was ordained into the work of the gospel ministry at Riverview Church. His experiences included God teaching him through visions and dreams. He took seriously his ministry calling and was still serving in Riverview as assistant pastor at age 97. His special gift of prayer opening the worship service will long be remembered. He was devoted to his family and also often spoke in endearing terms about his brothers and sisters in his Christian family. Living alone, his last years were spent in close companionship with his Savior.

His passing is a great loss to his loved ones and ended an era of several generations of accumulated skills common to rugged mountain life. He rarely was far from his home, was widely known in the county and respected by all for his integrity and faithfulness. His memory spanned most of the 20th Century beginning at age 2 and continued until his final days.

He was preceded in death by his beloved companion of 69 years and son, Otis Earl Yates. He is survived by daughters Lorrayne Y. Baird-Lange, Clara Y. Rogers, Evelyn Y. Holland, and Donna Y. Duncan, 17 grandchildren and several great and great, great grandchildren.

Servant of God, well done
Rest from thy loved employ
The battle fought the victory won
Enter thy Master's joy

PAUL WOODROW ROTEN

October 23, 1912–January 17, 2005

Brother Paul Woodrow Roten, age 92, of Rich Hill, Ashe County, North Carolina, passed away Monday, January 17, 2005 at Ashe Living Center, Jefferson.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 20, 2005 at North Fork Primitive Baptist Church, Warrensville, North Carolina. Officiating were Elders James McNeill, Floyd South, Bobby Absher, and John Jackson. Burial followed in the Graybeal-Roten Cemetery at Mill Creek.

A member of North Fork Church, Brother Paul was born October 23, 1912 to George Washington Roten and Elvira Roark Roten. He is survived by his wife of 75 years, Sister Edna Richardson Roten, and a son, Brother James Dalton Roten, both members of Old North Fork Church. In addition, five grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, and nine great-great grandchildren also survive.

Preceding Brother Roten in death were two daughters, Arlene Roten, then of the home, and Lorraine Roten Miller Phillips of Lansing. Also preceding in death were seven brothers and sisters—Lizzie Roten, Lillie Miller, Hettie Sapp, Marvin Roten, William Roten, Raleigh Roten, and Elder Dewey Roten. The latter was a widely known Primitive Baptist pastor who ministered and preached in several Old Baptist churches throughout northwestern North Carolina and adjoining regions.

Brother Paul was a highly personable and greatly respected member of the community. He was an individual with many friends and possessed a marvelous memory, even at an advanced age. He showed every evidence of being a child of God, having maintained throughout life a deeply ingrained love for the Church and its doctrine. Until his dying day, he was a dedicated Primitive Baptist and especially enjoyed the metered, old hymns of Zion, often asking they be sung for him.

He is certainly missed by his precious wife, son, and family. Brother Paul, however, was ready to go home and be with the Lord. He frequently expressed the great and lively hope of sometime kneeling at his Lord's feet, worshipping Him, and then reuniting with loved ones and friends waiting on the other side. His body now rests in sweet repose awaiting the trumpet call of Jesus Christ when the dead in Christ shall rise.

Boone Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service was in charge of the arrangements.

GERRY GEORGE MILLER

Gerry George Miller was born September 29, 1954 in Ashe County, North Carolina to Robert George and Lorraine Roten Miller. He was named for two of his great grandparents, George Washington Miller and George Washington Roten. He graduated from Northwest Ashe High School and was employed in the timber cutting industry for several years.

Gerry married Lena Kay Wood on April 26, 1973. Kay preceded Gerry in death on October 11, 2003. Gerry joined North Fork Primitive Baptist Church on October 5, 1997 where he remained a member until his death on August 11, 2005. In addition to his sisters: Roberta Pennington and Loveta Schweers and his brothers: Robert Miller, Ricky Miller and Walter Miller, Gerry is survived by two children: Melissa Miller Cleary and Jamie Paul Miller and three grandchildren: Chris Jones, Cody Cleary, and Jamie Paul Miller, Jr. Gerry will best be remembered for his love of his wife, his children, and his grandchildren.

Written by his sister, Loveta Miller Schweers

KAY WOOD MILLER

Lena Kay Wood was born July 31, 1955 in Ashe County, North Carolina to James Ambrose and Ada Roten Wood. She attended Northwest Ashe High School in Warrensville, North Carolina and was employed as a textile worker. Kay became a member of North Fork Primitive Baptist Church on October 5, 1997 where she remained a member until her death on October 11, 2003. Funeral services were held at North Fork Primitive Church with Elder John Jackson and Rev. Jim Greer officiating. Burial followed at the Roten Family Cemetery on Roaring Fork.

Kay was married to Gerry Miller on April 26, 1973. To this union were born two children who survive: Melissa Miller Cleary and Jamie Paul Miller. Kay's generosity toward her children was unparalleled. Three grandchildren also survive: Chris Jones, Cody Cleary and Jamie Paul Miller, Jr. She was also survived by her mother: Ada Wood, a brother Garland Wood and two sisters, Brenda Wood Dotson and Kathy Wood Baldwin.

Written by her sister-in-law, Loveta Miller Schweers

BERNICE VINA BARE

November 30, 1922–October 30, 2004

Sister Bare united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church in September 1981. She passed away on October 30, 2005. Her funeral service was held at Senter Primitive Baptist Church on Tuesday, November 2, 2004 at 2:00 PM by the Rev. J.D. Walton, Rev. Reeves Jones and Elder Floyd South. Interment was in the Bare – Black Cemetery.

Mrs. Bare was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Bare. She is survived by five children—Peggy Harless of West Jefferson, NC, Mary Andrews Griffin, Roger Dale Bare, Charlene Vannoy and David Bare, all of Sparta, NC. She is also survived by two sisters, ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

RUBY VANNOY FISHER

Deceased on January 11, 2005

Sister Fisher united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church in June, 1972.

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1898	Riverview	Bro. Donnie Cox, Bro. Willard Hartzog, Bro. Clyde Johnson, Bro. Paul Miller, Alt.	June	1 3	1	0	0	2	0		0	0	1	21	115.00
1869	Roans Creek	Elder Floyd South, Bro. Richard Bare, Sister Virgie Bare	July	1 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	25	70.00
1829	Senter	Bro. Ray Roten, Bro. Tony Miller, Bro. Jim Richardson, Bro. Vernon Roten, Alt.	June	2	1	0	1	6	0		2	0	2	36	265.00
		TOTAL.....													660.00

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MINUTES

of the
One Hundred Fifty-Fifth Annual Session
of the
SENTER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with
BEAR CREEK CHURCH
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, and 14, 2008

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OFFICERS

ELDER JAMES MCNEILL..... ***MODERATOR***
5868 US Hwy. 221 N. Crumpler, NC 28617 336-982-3802

ELDER FLOYD SOUTH..... ***ASSISTANT MODERATOR***
278 South Avenue, West Jefferson, NC 28694 336-246-7456

ELDER BOBBY ABSHER..... ***CLERK***
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BROTHER DON WALTERS..... ***ASST. CLERK***
775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694 336-877-4723

Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South from Roans Creek Church.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Bobby Absher from Senter Church.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder John Jackson .

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia

Brother Bobby Davis and Sister Brenda Davis
Elder Curtis and Sister Wanda Hash
Brother Carl Williams
Brother Thomas Farmer Jr.

Reorganized Silver Creek Association of North Carolina
Elder John R. Jackson

Fisher River Association
Elder Avery Branch
Brother Ken Taylor

St. Clair Association
Elder Eddie Lyle
Brother Billy Joe Lyle

Little Yadkin Association
Brother Gray Baker

Original Bear Creek Association
Brother Michael Lester
Brother Jonathan Lester
Elder Wayne Gibbons

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Willis, VA
Elder Paul E. Williams

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Joel McNeill
Brother Arvil Scott
Brother Don Walters
Brother Donnie Cox

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:

Brother Vernon Roten
Brother Wayne Severt
Brother Tony Jordan
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Jim Richardson
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

Elder Bobby Absher
Brother Wayne Severt
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Don Walters
Brother Joel McNeill
Brother Jim Richardson

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Paul Williams.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. It was brought before the Association that Article 8 in the Articles of Faith needed to be reworded to read as follows:

"We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the

just and unjust, and in a general judgment and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting."

There was no objection from the delegates to the change but according to the Constitution , number 15, twelve months notice to the churches will be given before the change is official.

4. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September 2009 at Senter Church.

5. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Senter Church.

6. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 250 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

7. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

8. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

9. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

10. The finance committee report is as follows:

Year 2008, Reported from Churches

Bear Creek	$60.00
Beaver Creek	$160.00
North Fork	$155.00
Riverview	$172.00
Roans Creek	$50.00
Senter	$310.00
Total	**907.00**

Received from donations Friday through Sunday $206.00
Balance in Savings $548.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator $0.00
To the Assistant Moderator 0.00
To the Clerk $120.00
To the Assistant Clerk $0.00
Paid to Visiting Elders $633.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes.....$480.00

10. Reading of minutes was omitted.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

11. That the association adjorn through prayer by Elder Avery Branch.

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA. 24348
Elder John Jackson
103 Tom Jackson Road, Boone, NC 28607
Elder Paul Williams
230 Burnette Street, Richlands, Virginia 24641
Elder Eddie G. Lyle
1521 Elliott Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Wayne Gibbons
PO Box 15, Wallburg, NC 27373
Elder Avery Branch
202 Poplar Springs Road, Elkin, NC 28621

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)
Elder Bobby Absher (introductory sermon)
Elder Paul Williams (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Floyd South (introduced with prayer)
Elder Curtis Hash (afternoon sermon)
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:

Elder Curtis Hash (introduced with prayer)
Elder Paul Williams (sermon)
Brother Paul Miller (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:

Elder Larry Davis (introduced with prayer)
Elder John Jackson (sermon)
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Elder Avery Branch (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night:

Elder James McNeill (introduced with prayer)
Elder Eddie Lyle (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:

Elder Bobby Absher (introduced with prayer)
Elder Bobby Absher (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (sermon)
Elder Larry Davis (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night, April 12–17, 2009.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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Roans Creek	Elder Floyd South
Senter	Elder Bobby Absher

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES; CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beaver Creek: Don Walters 15
775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694

Bear Creek: Margaret Jarvis 10
315 Jarvis Road, Ennice, NC 28623

North Fork: Mary Bare 15
521 Oak Knob Trail, West Jefferson, NC 28694

Riverview: Paul Miller 25
1897 Conley Cheek Rd., Fleetwood, NC 28626

Roans Creek: Elder Floyd South 15
278 South Avenue, West Jefferson, NC 28694

Senter: Vernon Roten 35
184 Big Flatts Mortz Road, Fleetwood, NC 28626

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

The American Baptist Historical Society 2
3001 Mercer University Dr., Atlanta, GA 30341-4155

Bear Creek: Tim Herrin 20
3219 Baucom Manor Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

The Christian Baptist Library 2
PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220

Ebenezer: Wayne F. Baldwin 20
P.O. Box 572, Culpeper, Virginia 22701

Mountain: Roy Truitt 20
102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 2433-6

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Association:
Randolph Miller 20
Rt.1 Box 58, Union, West Virginia 24983

New Liberty Primitive Baptist Association:
Ronald Sargent 20
2302 Jefferson Ave., Point Pleasant, WV 25550
304-675-1482

North Carolina Collection: The Library 2
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
The Primitive Baptist Library: Elon College 2
4023 North, NC 87, Elon College, NC 27244
Silver Creek: Revonda Swanson 20
2132 Blue Ridge Circle, Lenoir, NC 28645
St. Clair's Bottom Association: Blaine Owens 20
103 Jefferson Drive, Bristol, VA 24201
Wake Forest University:
The Z Smith Reynolds Library 2
Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Bear Creek:	1st Sunday in May
Beaver Creek:	4th Sunday in May
Senter:	2nd Sunday in June
Riverview:	3rd Sunday in June
North Fork:	1st Sunday in July
Roans Creek:	4th Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

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4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

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11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

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13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. The pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

15. Delegates of the host church to select the elder to preach the introductory sermon.

CONSTITUTION

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1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

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1785	North Fork	Brother Arvil Scott, Brother Grover Burchette, Sister Mary Bare	July	1 3	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	12	$182.00
1898	Riverview	Bro. Paul Miller, Bro. Joel McNeill, Bro. Donnie Cox, Bro. Ray Bentley, Alt.	June	1 3	1	0	2	0	0		0	0	0	21	$218.00
1869	Roans Creek	Bro. Richard Bare, Elder Floyd South, Sister Lea Ella South, Sister Virgie Bare, Alt.	July	1 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	14	$65.00
1829	Senter	Bro. Jim Richardson, Bro. Ray Roten, Bro. Vernon Roten, Bro. Tony Miller, Alt.	June	1 2 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	35	$230.00
		TOTAL.....													825.00